(b) The Functional Plan for transport proposes the construction of following six expressways in the National Capital Region :—

(i) Faridabad-Noida- Ghaziabd (FNG) Expressways (56 km.)

(ii) Panipat-Kundli-Ghaziabad Expressway (120 km.)

(iii) Ghaziabad-Meerut Expressway (60 km.)

(iv) Perimeter Expressway (85 km.) along the western periphery of NCT-Delhi connecting NH-1 at Kundli and NH-2 at Faridabad.

(v) Elevated Expressway on the existing Ring Road in Delhi (48 km.)

(vi) Delhi-Loni-Noida-Surajpur-Bulandshahr-Khurja Expressway (150 km.)

(c) to (e) For the construction of FNG Expressway, the tender has to be re-advertised as a part of the Eastern Peripheral Expressway which will connect Faridabad to Kundli on the eastern side of Delhi. The Eastern Peripheral Expressway include Faridabad-Noida-Ghaziabad and Ghaziabad-Khekhra-Kundli sections.

The estimated cost of construction of FNG Expressway and Kundli Ghaziabad and Ghaziabad-Meerut Expressways at 1999 prices as reported by the NCRPB is Rs. 1100 crores and Rs. 1135 crores respectively.

Feasibility studies for Kundli-Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad-Meerut Expressway corridors has been taken up by the NCRPB through Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA).

NCRPB has stated that action depends on the recommendations of the final report.

Potable Water Facilities in the Municipal Areas

†2579. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the State Government, so far, towards providing potable water facilities in the municipality areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have provided financial assistance to the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat for providing potable water through tubewells in the Raiya area falling under the municipalities of Rajkot and Jashpur;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether said municipalities have provided potable water through tubewells in the said area; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), funds are provided to the State Governments on 50 : 50 matching basis for providing water supply facilities in urban habitations having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does Not arise.

(d) Raiya is indicated as Village Panchayat and is a part of Rajkot Urban Agglomeration with population of 41,991 as per 1991 Census. As such, AUWSP is not applicable to Raiya town.

LRTS for Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam

2580. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to advise about the sources for funding the preparation of detailed budget report for LRTS for Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) to (c) The matter regarding funding for the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Light Rail Transit System in Hyderabad was discussed in June, 1998 by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India with the Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Managing Director, Hyderabad Urban Development, Authoriy and representatives of Infrastructure Leasing